

# Egypt

## Emergency Response Update

June 2025



Sudanese refugee artisans, proudly producing the #WithRefugees solidarity bracelets, in collaboration with Yadawee — a local social enterprise partnered with MADE51.  
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**1 million**  
refugees and asylum-  
seekers registered  
with UNHCR in Egypt

**32% funded**

of the \$137.7 million required by  
UNHCR for the refugee  
response in Egypt in 2025.

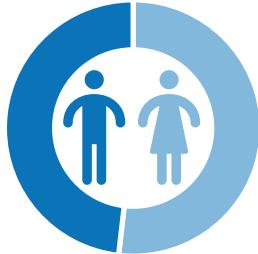


## UNHCR Egypt reached the one million registration mark in June

### Gender of registered population

463,919

**46.3%**



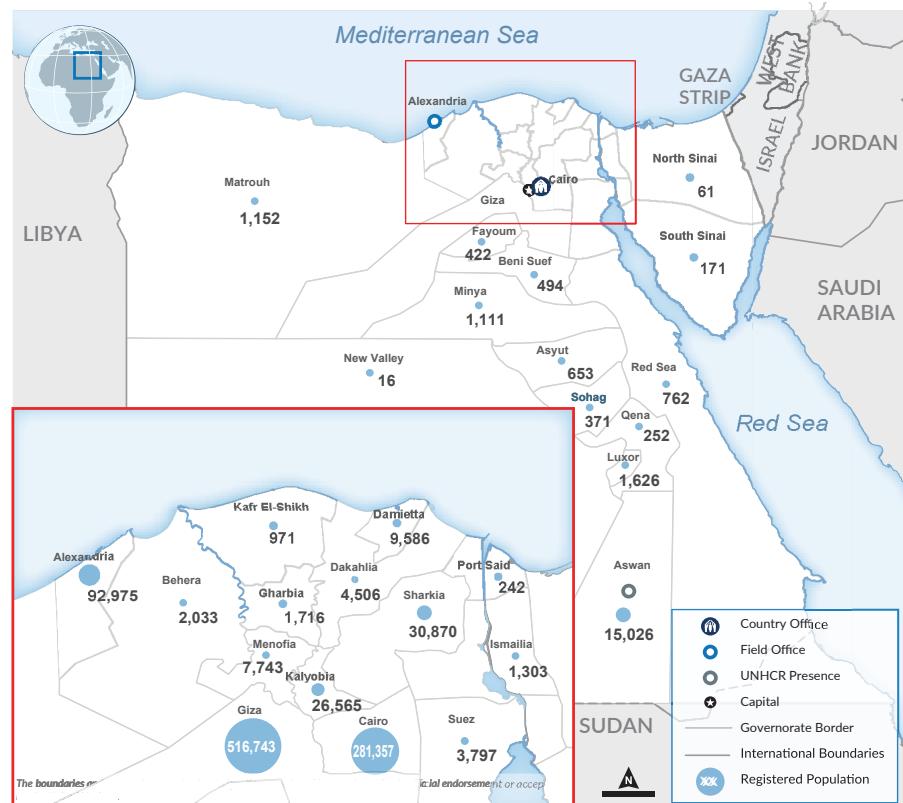
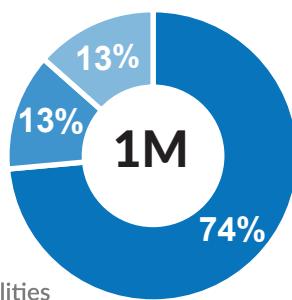
**53.7%**  
538,605

### Population by nationality

 **737,394**  
Sudanese

 **130,082**  
Syrians

 **135,048**  
Other Nationalities



Source: UNHCR registration data

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## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- On 26 June, UNHCR Egypt reached and surpassed a historic milestone: [one million](#) refugees and asylum-seekers registered in the country. As Egypt becomes the top receiving country for Sudanese refugees fleeing the world's largest displacement crisis, the number of individuals registered with UNHCR has more than tripled in just two years, underscoring the scale of humanitarian needs and the country's critical role in responding to this emergency.
- On 24 June the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with UNHCR and UNDP, [launched](#) Egypt's first Refugee and Resilience Response Plan (ERRRP 2025), appealing for USD 339 million to address the growing needs of refugees and host communities. The plan aims to address the comprehensive needs of refugees and affected host communities in Egypt, while fostering strategic dialogue on resilience, social inclusion, and burden and responsibility-sharing, in alignment with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). The ERRRP, developed through an inter-agency partnership involving 30 organizations, will serve as a strategic platform for coordinated planning, programming, advocacy, and resource mobilization to support and complement the Government's efforts in providing protection, assistance, and sustainable solutions to refugees, asylum seekers, and host communities. The launch convened representatives from refugee-led organizations, the Government of Egypt, UN agencies, the diplomatic community, humanitarian and development partners, international financial institutions, and civil society.
- To commemorate World Refugee Day 2025, UNHCR Egypt [organized](#) a series of community events from 17 to 20 June, reaching over 350 participants. Activities took place across four Multi-Purpose Community Centers (MPCCs) and partner locations, with a focus on inclusion, well-being, and social cohesion. In collaboration with Terre des Hommes (TdH), MPCC events engaged 145 refugees and Egyptians in cultural and recreational activities such as yoga, soap- and candle-making, and musical performances by artists with visual impairments. A highlight was the Magic for Smiles shows by magician Jamie Balfour-Paul, which brought joy to 205 refugee children at various sites.
- On 16 June, UNHCR Egypt [welcomed](#) a mission from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to review progress under the USD 8.5 million Regional Migration Governance Programme (RMGP), which supports Egypt's asylum transition. On 28 June, the UNHCR Representative [met](#) with Austrian Foreign Minister Beate Meinl-Reisinger to discuss the transition and thank Austria for its 2024 contribution. The Minister expressed support for continued engagement and praised Egypt's stabilizing role. On the same day, the Representative also met with EU Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst to discuss unlocking additional migration funding for Egypt, including a potential top-up to the Joint Programme.



### Population movements (internal and/or external) and Registration

In June 2025, UNHCR Egypt registered 28,600 new refugees and asylum-seekers, 87% of whom were Sudanese nationals. Smaller numbers include other nationalities (10%) and Syrians (1%).

Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, UNHCR Egypt has provided registration appointments to 950,000 individuals who fled the country. Of these, 689,000 people (73%) have been fully registered to receive protection and assistance.

As of 30 June, the total registered population is 1,002,524 individuals, including those who arrived in Egypt before the conflict, with the following breakdown: 737,000 Sudanese (74%), 135,000 of other nationalities (14%), and 130,000 Syrians (13%). Women make up 53% of the registered population.



Ambassador Dr. Wael Badawi responds to an intervention by Nada Fadol, the 2024 Nansen award winner for the MENA region, during the launch of the Refugee and Resilience Response Plan (ERRRP). © UNHCR/ Jaime Gimenez

## Protection

### Community-Based Protection (CBP):

In June, 25,900 refugees and asylum-seekers, including new arrivals from Sudan, received information on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints from outreach community workers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in 6th of October City, Greater Cairo. In addition, over the same period, UNHCR's partner TdH provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 16,000 individuals, out of whom 100 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment and another 480 fast-tracked for further urgent assistance. Additionally, UNHCR provided counseling to 600 refugees, including 480 who received in-person counseling, while the rest were assisted through remote sessions.

On 24 June, UNHCR organized a joint reception at TdH's multi-purpose community center (MPCC). During the event, UNHCR and partner staff provided support to 74 refugees and asylum-seekers, including individuals from Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and Eritrea.

### Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence:

On 17 June, UNHCR Representative to Egypt met with the President of the National Council for Women

(NCW) to explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation, particularly in the areas of gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, as well as economic empowerment for refugee women. During the meeting, NCW proposed a range of initiatives to strengthen support for refugees, including promoting a welcoming narrative through social media, facilitating digital and remote employment opportunities under UNHCR's guidance, and enhancing social solidarity. Additional proposals included support for business incubators, awareness-raising through short films, and expanding collaboration through a potential Memorandum of Understanding. A focal point was appointed to coordinate follow-up and future engagement between UNHCR and NCW.

On 17 June, UNHCR participated in a reception hosted by the British delegation to celebrate the Laha wa Maaha Programme on Ending Gender-Based Violence. The event brought together representatives from various organizations and embassies working in the fields of GBV and gender equality, with a focus on networking and collaboration. UNHCR showcased its GBV programming and highlighted the work of a multidisciplinary medical clinic in Cairo that provides specialized care for managing complications related to female genital mutilation (FGM).

Between 12-16 June, UNHCR conducted field visits to a CARE facility in Cairo where they joined part of a four-day vocational training session focused on clay product making. These sessions brought together around 20 participants, including individuals from Sudan, Syria, and the host community. Active engagement from all participants was noted, reflecting the facility's value as a platform for inclusive skill-building, social support and information exchange, particularly for vulnerable groups.

#### **Child Protection:**

On 3 June, UNHCR and Plan International conducted a training workshop for non-specialized child protection staff. The workshop tackled basic definitions related to child protection and delved into causes for family separation, and its response as well as family tracing.

#### **Legal and Physical Protection (LPP):**

In June, 3,100 individuals received legal assistance and counselling through UNHCR and partners, concerning early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation. Additionally, UNHCR provided LPP case management for 190 refugees, including 130 Sudanese.

#### **Infoline:**

In June, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline responded to 30,500 inquiries. Additionally, 4,400 individuals fleeing the conflict in Sudan secured registration appointments through the Infoline. Since the crisis began, a total of 625,190 people have successfully been scheduled with appointments using this system.

#### **Capacity-building:**

On 25 June, UNHCR delivered a session on "Integration Mechanisms: Humanitarian/Emergency Assistance" during the regional training "Toward Coordinated Actions: Countering Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Across Africa," held at CCCPA premises in Cairo. The training brought together frontline officers and national officials from 15 countries across Africa and the Middle East, including representatives from key ministries – Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defense, Justice,

and Social Welfare – and national anti-trafficking bodies. UNHCR's session focused on protection responses and integration pathways for trafficked and smuggled persons within humanitarian contexts.

## Education

In June, 137 refugee children and youth participated in UNHCR's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) program, gaining hands-on skills in mobile phone maintenance, hairdressing, and dessert preparation. In parallel, UNHCR, through its education partner, continues to provide education advising sessions to refugee parents and students, offering guidance on school enrolment procedures and the range of educational opportunities available for refugees in Egypt.

Additionally, DAFI Social Club leaders organized sessions on the ethical use of artificial intelligence, alongside career development workshops aimed at supporting both DAFI alumni and current scholars in pursuing postgraduate academic and professional opportunities. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) also completed the monthly mentorship interviews with DAFI scholars, focusing on tracking academic performance and jointly developing support plans where needed.

## Health and Nutrition

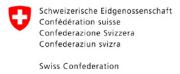
On 4 June, UNHCR and the Commercial International Bank (CIB) Foundation signed a landmark [agreement](#) to provide secondary and tertiary healthcare to 600 vulnerable refugee children in Egypt. This first-of-its-kind collaboration comes amid severe funding cuts impacting refugee services across the region. Through support from CIB Foundation and in partnership with Mersal Foundation, the initiative will deliver life-saving medical care to children requiring specialized treatment beyond primary healthcare. The partnership reflects a strong humanitarian commitment to child health, with both organizations emphasizing the importance of dignity, equity, and access to essential services regardless of nationality.

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